

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING

A regular meeting of the Public Art Commission took place on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. at the Cambridge Arts Council.

The following members were present:

TK McClintock
Mags Harries
Stephanie Boye

Staff present:

Jeremy Gaucher, Public Art Administrator
Lillian Hsu, Director of Public Art

1) November & December Minutes

Tabled to February for approval due to lack of quorum.

2) Future PAC Meeting Dates

February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8

3) Update on Charles River planning process

Lillian is likely scheduling a large River group meeting for January 19.

Funding:

NEFA planning grant of \$5,000-\$20,000 is due January 31.

The planning grant will request funds to run an artists selection process entailing an RFQ, selection process, artist/team created site-specific proposals, an exhibition of the proposals, and site committee selection.

At the conclusion of this process, the selected proposal will be used to request the second-phase Implementation Funds from NEFA (up to \$30,000), request funds from the City (likely \$20,000) which will go to request the DCR 2-to-1 matching grant for permanent projects (equaling \$40,000 from DCR). If successful, this will raise \$90,000 for implementation of a permanent work for Destination Riverbank.

The four other proposed projects could then also be presented to other organizations/companies for implementation funding.

As for funding from the National Park Service, Charles Tracy said he would help the CAC identify funding sources, but it was unclear if NPS has funds to contribute. Lillian will clarify with Charles.

For RFQ:

Staff needs to work out details of language as pertaining to "Artist-led Team".

PAC looked at map and discussed areas of the river in terms of opportunities, as well as access, visibility, and need. PAC identified 5 areas of interest that artists could be steered towards for sighting their proposals. (staff has map).

For reference:

The DCR has a Master plan online at:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/projects/masterPlans.htm>

The City of Cambridge Riverfront Planning:

<http://www2.cambridgema.gov/cdd/cp/zng/charles/index.html>

Charles River Conservancy resource page:

<http://www.charlesriverconservancy.org/crb/crb.html>

<http://www.charlesriverconservancy.org/masterplan/index.html> (same as DCR but adds section descriptions before links)

Possible Future Timeline of Destination Riverbank Artist Selection:

NEFA Grant due: January 31, 2011

Notification of NEFA Application: **Lillian to find out**

Release Call to Artists RFQ – 6 weeks to deadline

Art Jury Review – 2 weeks for review and selection meeting

Artist Notification & Orientation – 2 weeks to schedule and meet

Artist Proposals Due – 6-8 weeks written & visual proposals due

Proposal Exhibition – 6-8 weeks of exhibition

Finalist Selection – 1 week

Request DCR funds for chosen project: Possible late 2011 or early 2012

4) Project Updates:

Western Ave: Matthew's preliminary ideas are down to two and he is working with city staff to refine. .

Flocks: The third test survived the early December blizzard conditions!

5) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.